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MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF CENTRAL
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Fourth Meeting.

The Synod of Central and Southern China met in the Tooker Memorial Chapel at Soochow, Thursday, March 10th, A.D. 1904, at 2:30 p.m. (Chinese: 30th year of Kwang Hsü, the 24th day of the First Month.) The retiring Moderator, Rev. G. F. Fitch, D.D., preached the opening sermon on the text "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Ex. xiv: 15.

After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer.

At Synod there were found the following:—

Members Present.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	ELDERS.
<i>Ningpo,</i>	YIANG LING-TSIAO. LU CING-VEŃG. ZI KYŭô-JING. J. E. SHOEMAKER. TSIU VI-KY'ING. ZIA TS-ZIAO. BAO MING-KVIN. LI LIANG-ZE.	<i>Fusan.</i> <i>Ningpo.</i> <i>Song-'ô.</i> <i>Kyao-gyao.</i> <i>Yŭ-yiao.</i> <i>Zang-yŭ.</i>	 <i>ZIA SUNG.</i>
<i>Shanghai,</i>	Rev. G. F. FITCH, D.D. J. N. HAYES, D.D. D. N. LYON. YUI KOH-TSUNG. J. A. SILSBY. TSANG PAO-TS'U. O. C. CRAWFORD.	<i>Soochow.</i> <i>S-san.</i> <i>Hongkew.</i> <i>Press Ch.</i>	 <i>NYIEN LI-Yŭ.</i> <i>WA HYŭ-TSA.</i> <i>WANG HANG-</i> <i>[TONG.]</i>
<i>Hangchow,</i>	TSANG NYIN-KW'E. J. H. JUDSON. LOH DONG-WA. J. C. GARRITT, D.D. H. G. C. HALLOCK, Ph.D. TSANG PAO-DZANG ZIA TS-HYI. TSANG KYIN-YŪIN.	 <i>Tang-yang.</i> <i>Sin-z.</i> <i>Hangchow.</i>	 <i>TSANG PAO-</i> <i>[ZUN.]</i>
<i>Nanking,</i>	W. J. DRUMMOND.	<i>First Ch.</i> <i>Grace Memorial.</i>	 <i>KONG SIH-TS.</i> <i>LU Z-TS'IN.</i>

Members Absent.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.
<i>Canton,</i>	HENRY V. NOYES, D.D. ALBERT A. FULTON. KWAN LOY. Ü SIK-KAU. ANDREW BEATTIE, Ph.D. EDWARD W. THWING. GEO. W. MARSHALL. REES F. EDWARDS. LI CHI-PING.
<i>Ningpo,</i>	BAO KWÔNG-HYI. EDWARD F. KNICKERBOCKER. ROBERT F. FITCH. TSIU SONG-NGOH. A. O. LOOSLEY. A. R. KEPLER.
<i>Shanghai,</i>	J. M. W. FARNHAM, D.D. THAUNG TSEH-TSONG. TSU TSOH-SAN. W. H. LINGLE. JOSEPH BAILIE. GEORGE E. PARTCH.
<i>Hangchow,</i>	Rev. E. L. MATTOX. DZÜ YÜIH-SEN.
<i>Nanking,</i>	CHARLES LEAMAN. WM. N. CROZIER. ARCHIBALD EWING. EDWIN C. LOBENSTINE. JOHN E. WILLIAMS. DUBOIS S. MORRIS. JAMES B. COCHRAN.
<i>Hainan,</i>	FRANK P. GILMAN. ALFRED E. STREET. P. W. MCCLINTOCK. WILLIAM JOSIAH LEVERETT. WILBUR M. CAMPBELL. JOHN CALVIN PATTERSON.
<i>Philippines,</i>	JAMES B. RODGERS. D. S. HIBBARD. WALTER O. MCINTIRE. J. EUGENE SNOOK. PAUL E. DOLTZ. LEWIS B. HILLIS. A. A. PIETERS.

The minutes of last meeting, having been printed, were taken as read.

Letters were read from Revs. Üoh Cong-eng, Thaung Tseh-tsong, Tsiu Song-ngoh, Dzü Yüih-sen, J. M. W. Farnham,

D.D., Robert F. Fitch, E. L. Mattox, J. E. Williams, giving excuses for absence from Synod. Verbal excuses were also given in behalf of Rev. Bao Kwông-hyi and Tsang Kyin-yüin. Excuses were all sustained.

Rev. Zi Kyiô-jing was elected Moderator.

Rev. Tsang Pao-ts'u and Rev. H. G. C. Hallock, Ph.D., were elected temporary clerks.

The Moderator appointed as *Docket Committee*: Revs. Zia Ts-hyi, W. J. Drummond, G. F. Fitch, D.D., Lu Cing-veng; and as *Devotional Committee*: Revs. D. N. Lyon and O. C. Crawford with Elders Nyien Li-yü and Wa Hyü-tsa.

Rev. H. C. DuBose, D.D., and Rev. J. W. Paxton, of the Southern Presbyterian Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Synod adjourned and was closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, March 11, 9:30 A.M.

The Synod met and was opened with devotional exercises led by the Moderator.

The roll was called, after which the Chinese and English minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

Excuses for non-attendance at Synod were given from Revs. D. B. S. Morris, E. C. Lobenstine, James Cochran, Chas. Leaman, and W. R. Lingle. Rev. J. B. Rodgers, the Moderator of the Presbytery of Manila, sent a letter stating that the members of that Presbytery would find it very difficult to be present. Rev. J. A. Silsby gave an excuse for his lateness of arrival. All excuses were sustained.

Moved and carried, that each member of Synod who cannot be present respectfully write a letter of excuse to the Synod as a whole and not to a friend in the Synod.

Rev. C. D. Herriott, of the Presbytery of San José, being with us, it was moved that he be invited to sit as corresponding member.

The Docket Committee reported the following :—

DOCKET.

- I. Appointment of Committees on
 - a. Presbyterial Records.
 - b. Absences.
 - c. Bills and Overtures, Appeals and Complaints.
 - d. Narrative and Statistics.
 - e. Time and Place of Next Meeting.
 - f. Printing Reports and Expenses.
 - g. Expenses to Synod.
- II. Reports of Committees on
 - a. Preparation of Commentaries and other Books.
 - b. Revision of Translation of Book of Discipline.
 - c. Revision of Digest.
 - d. Theological Seminary.
 - e. Business arising out of Minutes of last two Meetings of General Assembly.
 - f. Union of Presbyterial Bodies.
 - g. Forms for Statistical Reports.
 - h. Organization of Hainan Presbytery.
 - i. Prepare Letter to Church in Manchuria and Korea in view of War between Russia and Japan.
- III. Reports from Presbyteries.
 - a. Canton.
 - b. Ningpo.
 - c. Shanghai.
 - d. Hangchow.
 - e. Nanking.
 - f. Hainan.
 - g. Manila.
- IV. Report of Committee on Synod's Home Missions.
- V. Consideration of Plans for Special Evangelistic Effort.
- VI. Reading of Narrative and Statistics.

The report was approved.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees :—

Presbyterial } *Ningpo*,—Revs. Tsang Nyin-kw'e and J. H. Judson.
Records.— } *Shanghai*,—Revs. W. J. Drummond and Bao Ming-hyin.
 } *Hangchow*,—Revs. J. E. Shoemaker and Lu Cing-veng.
 } *Nanking*,—Revs. Yui Koh-tsung and Zia Ts-hyi.
 } *Canton*,—Drs. J. C. Garritt and G. F. Fitch.
 } *Hainan*,—Revs. J. N. Hayes, D.D., and D. N. Lyon.

Leave of Absence,—Revs. J. A. Silsby and Li Liang-ze.

Bills and Overtures,—Revs. Yiang Ling-tsiao and Ziao Ts-ziao.

Narrative and Statistics,—Revs. Li Liang-ze and J. A. Silsby, Elders Wang Hang-tong and Tsang Pao-zun.

Printing Reports and Expenses,—Revs. Tsang Pao-dzang and J. N. Hayes, D.D.

Traveling Expenses to Synod,—Revs. J. C. Garritt, D.D., G. F. Fitch, D.D., W. J. Drummond, Tsang Nyin-kw'e, Zi Kyüô-jing and Yui Koh-tsung.

Letter of Sympathy to the Manchurian and Korean Christians in their trouble caused by war,—The Moderator, Stated Clerks and Rev. O. C. Crawford.

Time and Place of Next Meeting,—Revs. Tsiu Vi-ky'ing, Loh Dong-wa and O. C. Crawford.

The Devotional Committee reported recommending :—

1. That the meetings of Synod be from 9:30 a.m. to 12 m. and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. ; the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises.

2. That the devotional exercises be led as follows: Saturday, Tsiu Vi-ky'ing. Sabbath at Tooker Chapel at 10:30 a.m., Zia Ts-hyi to preach and the Moderator to administer the Sacrament; and at 2:30 p.m., Rev. Bao Ming-kyin to preach. At 10 a.m., at the South Garden, Mr. Judson to preach. At 2 p.m., at the Chôu-chu-ông, Revs. Loh Dong-wa and Li Liang-ze to preach. Monday morning, Tsang Pao-ts'u; Tuesday, Lu Cing-veng; Wednesday, Mr. Drummond; Thursday, Dr. Garritt.

A letter from F. P. Gilman, appointed to convene the new Presbytery of Hainan, reports that the Presbytery had been duly organized according to Synod's direction.

The report was adopted.

Rev. S. Ts-kya, of the Methodist Church, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Catechism for inquirers and young converts, reported that through various causes it had failed to accomplish anything, and asked to be excused for failure and to be dismissed. The report was received and the Committee dismissed.

The Committee appointed to print the tract on Romanism gave its report as follows :—

The Committee to print tract on Romanism reports that the tract has been printed and is now on sale at the Mission Press.

J. E. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Commentaries reported :—

First, That during the two years since last meeting no Commentaries have been referred to the Committee, so that the Committee has had no work to do. *Second*, Commentaries are being issued by the China Conference Committee and others which to a large extent supply the demand.

We therefore recommend that the Synod's Committee be discontinued.

Report was received and Committee dismissed.

A letter from Charles A. Killie, Acting Stated Clerk of the Synod of North China, gave the action of that Synod as follows : “ In view of the fact that a new edition of the Confession of Faith containing all the revisions is to be prepared in America at an early date, it was moved to appoint a Committee from this Synod to act in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Synod of Central and Southern China to prepare a translation of the same and also of the Book of Discipline. This translation to be in easy Wên-li.” He requested that this Synod appoint such a Committee.

Accordingly it was moved to concur with the Synod of North China and appoint a Committee of two for this work. During the discussion of its membership time of adjournment arrived, and the session was closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, March 11, 2:00 P.M.

Synod was opened with prayer. Roll was called, after which the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The appointment of the Committee to concur with a similar Committee of the Synod of North China to translate the Confession of Faith and Book of Discipline was taken up, and Revs. J. C. Garritt, D.D., and Dzi Ts-hyi were chosen.

The Committee appointed to revise the Book of Discipline reported that the work had been done.

It was voted to receive the report and hand the work back to the Committee with instructions to submit it to the

Joint Committee of the two Synods above appointed, and if approved by them to proceed with the printing.

Moved, that the subject of the Union of Presbyterian Bodies be made the first order of the day on Monday morning.

Moved, that a committee of two be appointed to report on the "Business arising out of the minutes of the last two meetings of General Assembly." Rev. J. E. Shoemaker and Elder Wang Hang-tong were appointed a committee for this work.

The committee on Printing the Minutes of last Synod reported that they had printed and distributed said minutes. The report was received and committee dismissed.

Moved, that the reports from the Presbyteries be given on Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Committee on Synod's Home Missions reported that the work had been extended by employing a teacher and opening a day-school of sixteen pupils; and as there seems to have been few results in the ten years the work has been carried on in this place, it was recommended that extra efforts be made, that another chapel be opened in a village not far away, and that another missionary be added to help in the work there. The treasurer's report was also presented.

Moved to receive the report and to make any business arising out of it the first order of the day Saturday morning, and that a committee of two, consisting of Rev. J. A. Silsby and Elder Wang Hang-tong, be appointed to audit the treasurer's account. Carried.

Moved, that as the matter of means of advancing the work of the Home Missionary Society is of the greatest importance, three members, namely, Revs. J. C. Garritt, D.D., Li Liang-ze and Elder Nyien Li-yü, be added to the original committee to form a special committee to consider the report of the Committee on Home Missions and submit some definite proposals Saturday morning.

The Synod accepted with thanks an invitation from Drs. Cattell and Fitch to a social gathering at Tooker Hospital, Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

Synod engaged in a season of prayer and adjourned to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, March 12, 9:30 A.M.

Synod met and was opened with devotional exercises and prayer. Roll was called. The minutes of yesterday afternoon's meeting were read and approved.

Moved, that no meeting be held this afternoon. Carried.

The order of the day was then taken up, and the Committee to report on means of Advancing the Work of the Home Missionary Society, reported as follows:—

1. We recommend that while lack of funds and of suitable men prevent immediate opening of any out-stations in connection with Dzanghying, the Committee of the Home Missionary Society should take turns in visiting the missionary and assist him in his work.

2. The Synod exhorts all pastors and elders to call earnestly upon all Christians, young and old, to take active part in the Home Mission work: 1, by all giving much time to prayer in its behalf; 2, by giving of their substance, much or little, according to their ability.

The report of the committee was approved and the committee was continued and instructed to carry out these recommendations.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the treasurer of the Home Missionary Society and found them correct. The report was received and the committee dismissed.

Rev. R. A. Parker, of the Methodist Church, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Moved, that a prayer card in Chinese be prepared, giving names of pastors and churches in this Synod. Revs. J. E. Shoemaker and Lu Cing-veng were appointed as committee to do the work and have the cards printed.

The Committee to report on Business Arising out of Minutes of the last two meetings of the General Assembly reported. Report was received and committee dismissed.

Moved, that the suggestions made by the General Assembly for writing the narrative of religion be translated by a committee consisting of Revs. J. E. Shoemaker and Zia Ts-ziao and that the translation be printed with the Chinese minutes of Synod.

Moved, that the name of the Presbytery of Manila be entered upon our roll of Presbyteries in accordance with the action of General Assembly.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that Rev. J. H. Judson had been given permission to return home on Monday.

Synod adjourned with prayer to meet on Monday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, March 13, at 10:30 A.M.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated in accordance with the arrangements of the Devotional Committee.

SUNDAY, March 13, at 7:30 P.M.

Synod and visiting friends listened to very interesting reports from Ningpo, Shanghai, and Hangchow Presbyteries.

MONDAY MORNING, March 14, 9:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Tsang Pao-zang, after which roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up. The report of the Committee on Union of Presbyterian Bodies reported making the following recommendations:—

1. The Synod favors the plan of union as presented, and sends it down to the Presbyteries for their careful consideration; and directs them, if they approve, to signify their approval to the secretary of the Union Committee, Rev. J. C. Garritt.

2. The members of our Presbyteries and churches should also gain a fuller knowledge of our sister churches; the best means for this is to send fuller news of our various churches to the *Christian Intelligencer*; and the churches are also exhorted to subscribe for the *Intelligencer* more widely.

3. In the interval before the wider union can be effected, we would direct those Presbyteries, in whose bounds other Presbyterian bodies are working, to seek for a more immediate union with these bodies.

Report was received and recommendations of committee adopted.

(For Report, please see Appendix B.)

After discussion it was moved to print the report with the minutes of Synod and urge the Presbyteries to consider the subject and report their action to the Union Committee.

The Committee on Revision of the General Assembly's Digest reported as follows:—

The Synod's Committee on Revision of the General Assembly's Digest report that owing to lack of time and the inconvenience of meeting, they have not been able to do the work.

Furthermore, inasmuch as we hope soon to have a United Presbyterian Church for China and a General Assembly separate from the Assembly in America, we ask the Synod to consider the question of the advisability of putting further time and expense on the revision of the Digest. If it be thought unprofitable to pursue the work further we ask that the committee be discontinued.

D. N. LYON,	} Committee.
J. C. GARRITT,	
CHANG NYING-KW'AE,	

Report was approved and committee was discontinued.

The Committee to Translate the Assembly's suggested Form for Writing the Narrative of Religion reported the translation of the same. The report was adopted and the committee dismissed.

Moved, that the first order of the day this afternoon be the hearing of the reports from the Presbyteries of Nanking and Manila, and from the Home Mission field.

The Committee appointed to write a Letter of Sympathy to the Christians in Manchuria and Korea in their trials caused

by the Russian and Japanese war read the letter, which was approved; the Stated Clerks were instructed to forward the letter and have a copy printed in the *Christian Intelligencer*.

Dr. H. C. DuBose, of the Southern Presbyterian Mission, being present, was invited to speak on the question of the Union of Presbyterian Bodies. Dr. DuBose was thanked by a rising vote for his encouraging words. Synod then took a recess and was closed with prayer by Dr. DuBose.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, March 14th, 2:00 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer, after which roll was called.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The reports of the Presbytery of Nanking and of the Home Missionary were heard. A short report of the Presbytery of Manila was received in a letter from J. B. Rodgers, the Moderator of that Presbytery. That Presbytery asked that Synod send a man down to work among the many Cantonese within bounds of that Presbytery.

On motion the Moderator and Stated Clerk of this Synod were directed to send a reply to the letter from the Moderator of Manila Presbytery and also to forward to Canton Presbytery that part of the letter calling for assistance in the work of evangelizing the large Chinese population of Manila.

The Committee appointed to prepare Forms for Statistical Reports reported a form which was recommitted.

The Committee to prepare a Prayer Card reported as follows:—

Sabbath:—Synodical Home Missionary Work, Dzang Hying; Canton Presbytery, twenty-one churches, three pastors.

Monday:—Ningpo Presbytery, ten churches, thirteen pastors.

Tuesday:—Shanghai, three churches, four pastors.

Wednesday:—Hangchow Presbytery, three churches, three pastors.

Thursday:—Soochow, two churches.

Also, the work in Hunan province.

Friday:—Nanking, two churches.

Also, the work in An-hwei province.

Saturday:—Hainan Presbytery, four churches (not yet organized).

Also, Manila Presbytery.

The report was adopted and the committee directed to print and distribute the same.

The Committee on Form for Statistical Reports then presented their report, which was approved, and the committee was continued with instructions to print the form prepared.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Ningpo reported that the minutes were found correct. Report was approved.

The Committee to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Hangchow reported that the minutes were found correct. Report was approved.

The Committee to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Shanghai reported that minutes were approved with several exceptions; while discussing these, time for adjournment arrived, and Synod was closed with prayer to meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, March 15th, 9:30 A.M.

Synod met and was opened with devotional exercises.

Roll was called, after which minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the Records of the Shanghai Presbytery was received and the minutes approved with the following exceptions:—

- I. The Presbytery met at Shanghai to ordain Licentiate Tsang Pao-ts'u as Pastor to the Press Church on Sunday, 9th Moon, 25th day. It opened and closed Presbytery and read the minutes and adjourned as usual without stating any important reason for doing so on the Sabbath.
- II. When the Presbytery met to ordain Licentiate Tsang Pao-ts'u as pastor of the Press Church, Rev. Thaung, who had been appointed to address the members, was ill. The Presbytery did not appoint his substitute.
- III. Rev. J. A. Silsby read certain recommendations of General Assembly. Presbytery appointed a committee to comply with these regulations without recording the nature thereof.

- IV. In 1902 the Presbytery appointed Rev. J. N. Hayes, D.D., as Stated Supply to the Soochow church. At the meeting of Presbytery in 1903 Dr. Hayes gave no report, and Presbytery took no notice, neither appointing him, nor yet appointing any other as Stated Supply.

The Committee on the Minutes of Nanking Presbytery reported. The minutes were approved with the following exceptions:—

1. In the statistical statement the number of male and female church members given separately and the total do not accord; and the report of the account of contributions is confused.
2. In giving the names of elders in attendance on Presbytery the minutes failed to give the names of the churches which they represent.
3. Mr. Tsao being Stated Clerk need not also to have been elected Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Minutes of Canton Presbytery reported, and while exceptions to the minutes were being discussed, time for adjournment arrived.

Synod took a recess and was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, March 15, 2:00 P.M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

Roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Canton Presbytery was taken up and the minutes were approved with the following exceptions:—

1. The narrative of religion should be prepared in time for its presentation at the regular meeting of Presbytery, and be recorded in the minutes at the same time with the statistics.
2. In minutes of meeting of October, 1902, it appears that an elder delegated to the meeting of Presbytery having returned home, this session appointed a second elder to take his place. After a commissioner has taken his seat it is not permissible for an alternate to take his place.
3. The Synod again urges upon the Presbytery the importance of the clear personal signature of the Stated Clerk to the minutes. Without such signature the minutes might, in important cases, be denied to be a true copy. See Digest, p. 511 (F. G. xi. 6) and Book of Discipline, Cap. viii., section 63.

4. In the case of Pastor Ü Sik-kau, censured by Presbytery for buying eight slave girls, Synod at its last meeting censured the Presbytery for so lightly disciplining so grave an offence. The minutes of Presbytery contained the word *barter* in connection with his case; but Presbytery now explains that he did not *barter* but *bought* them for his own use. This the Presbytery has perfect right to explain to Synod; but should refrain from use of such phrases as "Synod's action was excessive," "Its decision be put aside," etc.

The Synod affirms that for any of our Christians to buy slaves is wrong; those holding office in the church should be yet more careful to be free from evil.

5. The minutes of both years contain the approval of the organization of new churches, but fail to show what steps Presbytery took by appointment of committees or otherwise to organize said churches. See Digest, 1886, p. 107 (under F. G. ii. 4).

6. In the session of September 17th, 1903 (29 7-26) an elder was invited to sit as a corresponding member. This is not in accord with the usual custom founded on Form of Government, Chap. x., Section 12, nor is it advisable as a precedent.

The Synod records its gratification at seeing that the Presbytery has given due and careful attention to the exceptions taken to its minutes at the last meeting of the Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of Hainan Presbytery reported that no minutes from that Presbytery had arrived. The report was received and committee dismissed.

All reports were then approved as a whole.

Committee on Leave of Absence reported that Revs. Fitch, Silsby, Tsang Pao-ts'u, Tsang Kyin-yüin, and Elder Wang Hang-tong had been excused from further attendance on the meetings and that Rev. Tsang Nyin-kw'e being sick had been excused.

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting reported that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of April, 1906, in the First Church at Nanking. Report was approved.

Rev. D. N. Lyon, instructor in the Synod's theological school, asked the Synod to relieve him of the work to which he was appointed for very important reasons. Mr. Lyon's resignation was accepted.

The Committee on Synod's Theological Seminary reported as follows :—

Your Committee on Theological Seminary would report :

1. That a class of eight members has been under instruction during the past three years ; and has now gone into the regular evangelistic work. Of these students, three are in Ningpo, three in Shanghai, and two in Hangchow Presbytery.

2. Our Synod has for many years emphasized the desirability of having a theological seminary. At Shanghai, 1893 (seventh meeting), the Synod recommended the erection of a union seminary at Nanking, but the time did not seem ripe. The past few years, since the subject of Presbyterian Union has been pushed, the seminary project has again been taken up. A joint committee of twelve, six each from the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches, has been appointed by the two Missions to consider plans. This committee met January 1st, 1904, at Nanking ; and after careful consideration, agreed unanimously on a plan, which will in all probability be concurred in by the Missions. The plan is as follows :—

1. The Northern and Southern Presbyterian Missions unite in the establishment of a theological seminary, to be situated at Nanking.

2. That the Presbyterian Churches, North and South, of U. S., be asked to give the requisite sum for land, buildings, and furnishing.

3. That the seminary be under the control of a Board of Directors of eight members ; four from the Northern and four from the Southern Missions. The foreign instructors to be two in number ; one from each Mission.

4. The committee suggest a site near Hu-pu-chieh, in proximity to the boys school, but the final decision as to site is left to a special committee.

The Joint Committee has further reported to the two Missions recommending that this seminary be made high and thorough in its work ; but that in view of the great need for workers, classes be formed for the instruction of lay evangelists ; the Missions to arrange a uniform curriculum and select suitable men and form classes in various localities.

The Joint Committee also directed the preparation of a strong appeal for reinforcements to the ministry ; the appeal to be written in both English and Chinese. This appeal will soon be printed and distributed in the churches and schools of our communion. We recommend that Synod emphatically endorse this appeal and calls on all our Christians to listen to the call for consecration of themselves or their children to the Lord's work. In particular we would impress on those in charge of the schools, of all grades, the importance of directing the attention of their pupils to this calling ; and the great importance of holding before their pupils the desirableness, honor, and usefulness of this ministry, in

order to counteract the spirit now abroad of belittling it. Let our scholars know that if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work (1 Tim. iii. 1); that ambassadors of Christ, though they may be lightly esteemed by the world and may have many hardships, shall yet have a glorious reward in heaven and the deepest of all joys, even in their earthly labors.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Expenses of Travel to Synod reported. The report was approved, to be entered in Appendix C.

Moved, that the following action be taken :—

The Synod having been notified that, by action of the General Assembly of 1903, the Presbytery of Manila has been placed in organic connection with it, and having in view the projected plan of Union of Presbyterian Bodies in China, wherein it is proposed that there shall be a Synod of East Kwangtung, or Canton, now advises the Presbyteries of Canton, Hainan and Manila, if the way be open, to join in overturing the General Assembly to constitute them the Synod of East Kwangtung, in order to greater convenience of meeting and transacting of business and the more adequate oversight of the church within their bounds. In case the said presbyteries present such overtures, and the General Assembly erect the Synod of East Kwangtung, the Synod of Central and Southern China respectfully ask that the Assembly change its name to be the "Synod of Central China." Its bounds to include the churches of our communion in the provinces of Kiangsu, Chéhkiang, Anhui, and Hunan.

The motion was carried.

On motion Revs. Shoemaker, Silsby, and Yui Koh-tsung were appointed to prepare a course of study for use in preparation of inquirers for church membership, to report at next meeting of Synod.

The Committee on Narrative and Statistics read their report.

Report was approved. (See Appendix D.)

The minutes in English and Chinese of this session were read and approved.

The minutes as a whole were also approved.

A resolution was adopted thanking Soochow friends and Shanghai Presbytery for their entertainment of Synod, and the Moderator and Clerks for their services.

Synod then adjourned to meet on the second Friday in April, 1906, at 2:30 p.m, in the First Church, Nanking (April 13, 1906. Chinese, Kwang Hsü, 32nd year, 3rd month, 20th day). The members joined in singing a hymn and the Moderator led in closing prayer.

ZI KYÜÔ-JING, *Moderator.*

TSANG PAO-TS'U, }
H. G. C. HALLOCK, } *Clerks.*

G. J. Fulch S. C.



APPENDIX. A.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Synodical Missionary
Society, from April 17th, 1902, to March 10th, 1904.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditures.</i>	
Balance from former Treas.	\$272.42	Salary of Mr. Tsang	...\$304.00
Nanking Presbytery	... 20.00	Rent	... 87.43
Hangchow Presbytery	... 40.00	Agreement money on new	
South Gate Church	... 78.05	house	... 10.00
Lion Mountain Church	... 89.11	Rent on new house and	
Soochow Church	... 12.04	varnish (oil)	... 12.23
Press	... 60.60	Repairs on old house	... 3.10
Sin-z	... 5.00	Incidental expenses of evan-	
Hongkew	... 12.50	gelist	... 2.00
Ningpo Presbytery	... 76.00	Traveling expenses to home	
Tong-yang Church	... 1.00	of evangelist	... 25.30
Interest on Loan	... 37.00	Traveling expenses of Com-	
Loan....	... 200.00	mittee	... 10.00
		Postage, etc.	... 11.26
		Printing	... 3.30
		Amount of loan	... 200.00
		Balance—Cash on hand	... 235.10
	<u>\$903.72</u>		<u>\$903.72</u>

V. D. KAO, *Treasurer.*

SOOCHOW, *March 10th, 1904.*

APPENDIX B.

Your Committee on Union of Presbyterian Bodies in China would report as follows :—

The Committee on Union appointed by the various Presbyterian Missions working in China met in Shanghai in November, 1903, and have issued their report in printed form. We give here a summary of the plan for union which they have formulated.

1. The bodies proposing union are one in doctrine. The statement of these doctrines in a standard may be left to the United Church after it is established ; meanwhile the Westminster Shorter Catechism is referred to as containing in brief form the doctrines common to the uniting churches.

2. That all Presbyterian churches in China unite in a General Assembly, with synods, presbyteries, and sessions under its jurisdiction.

3. The meetings of the General Assembly shall be at intervals of three, four, or five years as shall be decided at the first meeting of the Assembly.

4. The powers of the Assembly are to be as usual in such bodies ; only that cases of discipline arising in sessions shall be appealed to Presbytery and thence to Synod, where they shall terminate. Cases arising in Presbyteries shall be appealed to Synods and thence to the Assembly, where they shall terminate.

5. Synods should meet once a year. The Synods shall be six as follows :—

(1.) Manchuria (approximate number of communicants 10,000).

(2.) North China ; to include Chihli, Shantung, and Honan (approximate number of communicants 6,000).

(3.) Central China ; to include Kiangsu, Chehkiang, Hupeh, Hunan, and Anhui (approximate number of communicants 3,000).

(4.) South Fuhkien (approximate number of communicants 3,500.)

(5.) East Kwangtung (3,500).

(6.) West „ (4,000).

The responsibility for government and discipline in the churches should lie on these Synods ; the Assembly to form a bond of correspondence and sympathy between the churches.

6. The Judicatories of the Church. Sessions and Presbyteries are to be constituted as in the past. The Synod shall consist of all the Chinese ministers and all foreign missionaries, whether ordained as teaching or ruling elders belonging to Presbyteries in its bounds, together with one elder from each church. In cases of congregations consisting of over

500 members, the representation shall be two elders for each 500 members or fraction thereof.

The representation in General Assembly shall be one minister and one elder for every seven sessions in each Presbytery, together with one foreign missionary in seven. In cases where a Presbyterian organization has not taken place, a similar plan may be pursued for commissioners to the first Assembly.

All ordained ministers and elders of Presbyterian churches having proper credentials shall be allowed to deliberate at the first meeting of Assembly, but only commissioners shall vote.

7. The name proposed for the united church is *The Presbyterian Church of China*. Other names, of judicatories, etc., are proposed for consideration as follows:—

Organized church, 堂會.

Out-station, 支會.

Session, 長老督會.

Presbytery, 長老中會.

Synod, 大會.

Assembly, 總會.

Deacon, while 執事 is still to be used, a better term is greatly to be desired.

Elder, 長老.

Ordained minister, 牧師.

The report here summarized is addressed by the committee to the various Presbyterian Church Courts in China, asking them to give the plan careful consideration and send their action upon it to the Secretary of the Union Committee. The committee expresses the hope not only that Presbyterian bodies in China may be united, but that this may be the first step toward the wider union of Christians throughout this land.



APPENDIX C.

The Committee appointed to devise a plan for meeting the traveling expenses of the members of Synod report the following, based upon the plan adopted by the General Assembly :—

It is affirmed, Form of Government, Chap. xxii, Section 3, that. "in order, as far as possible, to procure a respectable and full delegation to all our judicatories, it is proper that the expenses of ministers and elders in their attendance on these judicatories, be defrayed by the bodies which they respectively represent."

From this it is evident that as members in attendance on Synod are engaged not in their private affairs but in directing the interests of the whole church, the various churches should provide the necessary funds for travel. But as our church members are of various degrees of ability, those who are feebler should be aided by the stronger. Therefore, while the Synod directs all congregations to give as they are able toward the traveling expenses to Synod, the division of the amount to be contributed among the churches is left to the Presbyteries, to be decided by their knowledge of the circumstances of each church.

The following plan is to be observed :—

1. A Committee on Mileage, of three members, shall be appointed at each meeting of Synod to receive the traveling accounts of the members of Synod.

2. The Committee of Mileage shall, before the adjournment of Synod, present an estimate of the probable amount that will be needed by the next Synod in order to meet the traveling expenses of members, together with contingent expenses and the expense of printing the minutes (in Chinese).

3. This amount shall be divided among the Presbyteries according to the number of communicants by a *per capita* rate. The Presbyteries, at their stated meeting next following the adjournment of Synod, shall apportion the amount required with careful respect to the ability of their churches. The apportionment among the churches shall be reported to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

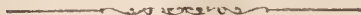
4. The churches shall make every effort to collect the required amount; and shall pay over their respective apportionments to the Stated Clerk of Synod at the year's end preceding the meeting of Synod.

5. At the meeting of Synod the Mileage Committee shall examine whether or no the apportionments of the various churches have been paid in full. The amounts should be paid in full before the close of the second day of the Synod's meeting. Members of Synod should

present their bills for travel to this committee before the close of the third day. (N. B. It is understood that the members shall report the actual expenses over the most direct or economical route and refrain from reporting personal expense.)

6. The contributions of the churches having been paid in, the Mileage Committee shall first appropriate from the whole sum an amount sufficient to cover the contingent expenses of the meeting and the printing of the minutes; and with the remainder, pay the bills for travel *pro rata*, as far as the funds will permit. Any deficiency is of course to be reported to the Synod.

7. The churches should by all means contribute the full amount apportioned by Presbytery. In case of deficiency or failure, the committee shall not refund the traveling expenses of the pastor or elder of such church without special authority from the Synod.



APPENDIX D.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

The Synod had, at the time of its last meeting, five Presbyteries, viz., Canton, Ningpo, Shanghai, Hangchow, and Nanking. During the intervening period, two new Presbyteries have been erected and attached to our Synod, viz., those of Hainan and Manila. The following is a brief narrative of the affairs of these Presbyteries:—

CANTON PRESBYTERY has twenty-one churches; one being added during the past year. During the past two years 1,894 have been added to the communion, and there has been a net gain of 1,119. The number of inquirers increases daily. Schools and hospitals have also increased and men of wealth have contributed to buy land and erect buildings. Contributions have been made willingly for the support of the church. It will be thus seen that the church has made great advancement.

NINGPO PRESBYTERY has ten churches, and has received into its communion 210 members, a gain of fifty-four. Within the bounds of the Presbytery two new school buildings have been erected; one for males and one for females. Bao-ko-t'ah church has erected a new chapel at Kyang-saen. At Yü-yiao a new and more commodious church building has been erected. Tsiu-ông church has erected a new house for worship near the sea. Saen-poh church has also erected a new church building. Zông-yü church has installed a new pastor, has rented a branch chapel at Poh-kwun; and at Pin-tung a three-roomed house, formerly used as a temple, has been donated and converted into a house of worship. The members, although poor, have willingly contributed to the support of this work. The churches at Dziang-'o-z, Saen-poh, and Tong-kwan, which were formerly in danger of going to decay, have suddenly become prosperous. As to inquirers, over 200 are reported. The foreign missionaries have established a Bible training school for both men and women, and there are a good number who have taken advantage of this opportunity to secure a better knowledge of the truth. Thus will it be seen that the work in this Presbytery is prospering.

SHANGHAI PRESBYTERY has five churches. 124 communicants have been received, and the net increase is seventy-three. The South Shanghai church has contributed liberally to the new school building which has been recently erected. The North Shanghai church has installed a new pastor. The Mission Press has erected new buildings. The Hongkew church has purchased a valuable site for a church building. The Lion Mountain Church has a new house of worship near the Ts'ang-meng.

At Doo-ka-'aung and at Tseu-phoo preaching stations have been opened, and evangelistic work has also been opened up at Li-yong and at Nyi-lying. Within the bounds of Presbytery there are some ten or more schools for both sexes. There is also a hospital. Among the pupils quite a number have asked for baptism and sought admission to the communion. Contributions have been liberal and the churches have grown continually.

HANGCHOW PRESBYTERY has three churches. There were 103 additions to the communicants and a gain of sixty-six. The Hangchow church has installed a new pastor. Last year a new church building was erected. Both the boys' and girls' schools are very prosperous. In the boys' school over half the pupils are church members, and there are continual accessions to the number of inquirers. Sin-z church has enlarged its church building, and the members have heartily assisted by contributing of their means. A number have been baptized and there are many inquirers.

NANKING PRESBYTERY has two churches; fifteen have been received into communion, but there has been a net loss of seventeen. The schools for both males and females are flourishing, as well as the hospital (at Hwai-yuen). Foreign and native preachers have been faithful, and there are inquirers connected with each church. At Hwai-yuen there are some sixty or more inquirers. May the work there blossom, yield fruit, and become a church in the near future.

The progress which these five Presbyteries have made is a cause for rejoicing, and should call forth united and heartfelt praise to the God of all grace for His blessing.

Although there is much reason for rejoicing, yet we cannot say there is no cause for solicitude. In every Presbytery there is reason for soreness of heart, because of the scarcity of those who are willing to give themselves to the service of the church. The ranks of the ministry have been depleted by such causes as, turning aside from the regular work of the ministry to engage in secular employment, physical weakness caused by sickness or the infirmities of old age, and in one instance there has been an expressed desire to resign from the ministry. Some of the members have rebelled against the truth and some have gone away and withdrawn themselves from the restraining influences of the church. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few, and there are vacancies which cannot be filled. Although there is throughout our

bounds an increase in the attendance at our schools and in the number of church members, it is difficult to secure good teachers for the schools, and there are not enough workers to give proper instruction to those who enter the church. There are therefore many who do not understand the will of God, have not become established in the doctrine, and do not keep the Sabbath as becomes the people of God, nor do they let their lights shine out brightly as they should. In the schools there are many pupils whose aim is reputation and worldly gain, and who are not willing to preach the gospel or give themselves to the service of God. These things are causes of anxiety and should receive the earnest consideration of Synod.

The seven Presbyteries have consulted together and exhort all within their bounds to unite in earnest work for God. They have prepared a plan for engaging in united petition, remembering in prayer each field in turn, and they trust that the Triune God will grant richly His grace, nourishing the church and causing its work to grow and widen out, that the number of God's saints may increase daily and that they may grow in grace and abound in good works.



Statistics of the Synod of Central and Southern China for Two Years ending March, 1904.

PRESBYTERIES.	Minis- ters.			Communicants.										Bap- tists.		Sunday Schools.			Contributions for two years.													
	Churches.	Foreign.	Chinese.	Licentiates.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added or Certificate.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Placed on Reserved List.	No. of Male Communicants.	No. of Female Communicants.	Total No. of Communicants.	Adults.	Infants.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Membership.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missons.	Publication.	Church Erection.	School and Calieges.	Synodical Expenses.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	
Canton	21	6	3	2	45	6	1847	47	38	74	728						4370	1092	117												16,875.00	
Hainant	3	5	5	7	7		93	10	4	5	24	3	10		197	129	326	87	26	36	420	456	84.61		197	20				433.90	167.51	883.22
Hankchow	2	7	...	...	...	...	12	3	3	...	15	7	...	75	69	144	11	17	16	150	166	20.00								45.60	65.60
Manchiat	10	8	...	...	...	...	200	10	20	101	12	...	...	596	478	1074	191	56	44	961	1005	91.00				1,093.00	4.00	32.00	1,703.267	110.83	3,064.897
Nanking	5	10	4	3	13	3	19	11	87	37	6	24	17	6	12	221	171	392	68	25	45	520	568	420.10	3.00	38.65		470.71		1,529.00	1,380.44	3,841.90
Ningpo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	24	25								30.00	
Shanghai	41	45	25	8	86	37	2240	107	10	90	216	24	41	728	1091	848	6309	1450	240	145	2075	2220	\$615.71	\$33.80	\$38.65	1,290.20	\$474.71	\$32.00	\$3,666.167	\$1,704.38	24,760.617	
Unorganised Work..
Totals	41	45	25	8	86	37	2240	107	10	90	216	24	41	728	1091	848	6309	1450	240	145	2075	2220	\$615.71	\$33.80	\$38.65	1,290.20	\$474.71	\$32.00	\$3,666.167	\$1,704.38	24,760.617	

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